

2685 Leeds Avenue North Charleston, SC

Grades PK-6 Elementary School

Enrollment 205 Students

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2011 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD YFAR ABSOLUTE RATING GROWTH RATING 2011 Average Good 2010 Below Average Below Average 2009 At-Risk Below Average 2008 At-Risk At-Risk

Below Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Below Average

2007

- Excellent School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

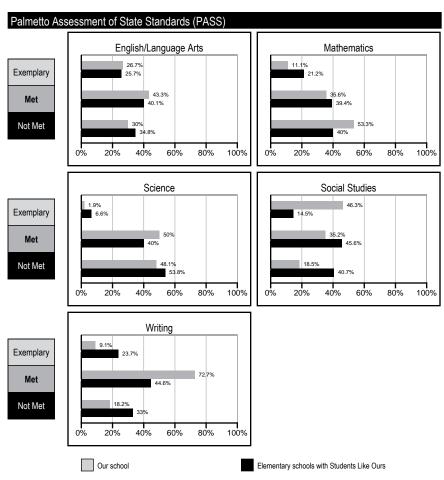
Percent of students tested in 2010-11 whose 2009-10 test scores were located

98.5%

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Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk				
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^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011.



^{*} Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms							
Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.						
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.						
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.						

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=205)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	2.3%	No Change	1.5%	1.1%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.2%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	3.1%	Up from 2.8%	5.1%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	5.6%	Up from 4.9%	4.3%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	0.6%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	39.3%	Up from 38.5%	61.9%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	71.4%	Up from 53.8%	81.8%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.3%	Up from 79.7%	84.2%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	98.1%	Up from 97.0%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,043	Down 3.1%	\$45,188	\$46,773
Professional development days/teacher	4.1 days	Up from 4.0 days	10.6 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	12.6 to 1	Up from 10.8 to 1	17.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.8%	Up from 93.1%	90.2%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Poor	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 88.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,889	Up 31.9%	\$8,611	\$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.1%	Down from 65.4%	67.6%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.5%	Up from 60.4%	63.9%	65.8%

^{*} Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

^{**} Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

James Simons Elementary School is a Title I school located in the inner city of Charleston serving children prekindergarten to grade six. The enrollment is 225 with a poverty index of approximately 96%. Our staff holds very high standards for themselves as well as each student. They are passionate about teaching and learning and have created a positive, nurturing school environment.

Initiatives underway for improvement include 21st Century technology enhancements in every classroom, a rigorous and differentiated curriculum, with an emphasis on small, flexible groups designed to meet children at their functioning level and accelerate achievement. Specialized instructional intervention is in place in both reading and math for students as needed. Professional development is an integral part of our school week.

Students in all grades have increased literacy and numeracy skills as measured by the Dominie Reading Assessment and Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). School-wide results on the Dominie indicate an average increase of 5 reading levels overall. MAP data shows an average increase of nine points in Reading and ten points in Math school-wide. A Response to Intervention Model (RTI) is fully implemented at JSE. The 2011 evaluation of RTI at James Simons resulted in an exemplary status.

Increased student leadership and decision making is in place through Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS), Safety Patrols and Student Council. The PBIS model is practiced school-wide with student recognition and incentives for appropriate choices in school. Our 2010-2011 school level evaluation for PBIS resulted in a perfect score of 100. Office referrals have decreased by 40% from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011.

Collaboration with community agencies continues in an effort to provide assistance for specific student and family needs. Parents are provided information and resources to enhance student learning. Communication with parents includes student agenda books, daily homework folders, weekly courier, monthly calendar of events, newsletters, phone calls, e-mails, report cards, monthly progress checks, notes and conferences. James Simons Elementary is fortunate to be part of the Charleston Promise Neighborhood pilot. The Charleston Promise Neighborhood is a nonprofit organization modeled after the highly successful Harlem Children's Zone project and is designed to ensure that every child and family has supports they need to thrive. The goal of CPN is to transform families within a generation.

Efforts to increase parental involvement include vigorously recruiting parents to attend school events, volunteer, and participate decision-making teams. We believe that community involvement is a necessary component of school success and we will continue working toward strengthening our bonds and partnerships with local faith based organizations as well as businesses.

Principal – L. Lynn Owings School Improvement Council Chair – Tiffany Taylor

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents			
	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	19	26	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	88.5%	70.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.0%	81.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	52.6%	84.6%	90.9%

^{*} Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

No Child Left Behind

School Adequate Yearly Progress

NO

This school met 10 out of 13 objectives. The objectives included student performance, graduation rate or student attendance, and participation in the state testing program.

Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the statewide target is met for "All Students" and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency in the areas of English/Language Arts and Mathematics, as well as meeting the statewide target for "All Students" for attendance or graduation rate.

School Improvement Status

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School	Improvement Key
NI	Newly Identified-The school missed adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two years. Sanction: Offer school choice.
CSI	Continuing School Improvement-The school missed AYP for three years. Sanctions: Continue school choice and implement supplemental services.
CA	Corrective Action-The school missed AYP for four years. Sanction: Continue school choice and supplemental services. The school district takes a corrective action.
Kh	Plan to Restructure-Sanctions: Continue school choice and supplemental services. Develop a plan to restructure. If the school misses AYP the next year, the school implements the restructuring plan.
R	Restructure-The school missed AYP after two years of corrective action. Sanctions: Implement the restructuring plan. Continue school choice and supplemental services.
DELAY	The school met AYP in all subgroups and the indicator for one year, thus the delay provision applies. The school remains in the same status as last year and is referred to as in "Delay."
HOLD	The school made progress for one year in the subject area that identified the school for school improvement. The school remains in the same status as last year and is referred to as in "Hold."

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance		
	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	1.7%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.2%	4.4%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.1%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.7%	94.0%**	Yes

^{*} Or greater than last year

JAMES SIMONS ELEMENTARY 11/09/11-1001079									001079	
PASS Performance By Group										
	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	School % Met or Exemplary*	District % Met or Exemplary*	State % Met or Exemplary*	Performance Objective Met	Participation Objective Met
English/Lang	uage Art	s - Stat	e Perfor	mance	Objectiv	e = 79.	4% (Me	t or Exe	mplary)	
All Students	96	100	30	43.3	26.7	84.4	83.1	82.4	Yes	Yes
Gender										
Male	54	100	34.6	44.2	21.2	82.7	79.9	78.7	N/A	N/A
Female	42	100	23.7	42.1	34.2	86.8	86.6	86.2	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group										
White	1	I/S	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	94.8	88.9	I/S	I/S
African American	92	100	31	42.5	26.4	83.9	71.9	72.9	Yes	Yes
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	96.3	93	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	78	79.3	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87.5	83	I/S	I/S
Disability Status										
Disabled	15	100	57.1	35.7	7.1	64.3	42.6	48.1	I/S	I/S
Migrant Status										
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	68.9	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency										
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	76.9	78.3	I/S	I/S
Socio-Economic Status										
Subsidized meals	89	100	30.1	43.4	26.5	84.3	72.9	75.4	Yes	Yes
Mathema	atics - S	tate Per	forman	ce Obje	ctive = 7	79.0% (1	Met or E	xempla	ry)	
All Students	96	100	53.3	35.6	11.1	63.3	82.8	81.9	No	Yes
Gender										
Male	54	100	53.8	30.8	15.4	61.5	81.1	79.9	N/A	N/A
Female	42	100	52.6	42.1	5.3	65.8	84.6	84.1	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group										
White	1	I/S	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	94.9	88.9	I/S	I/S
African American	92	100	55.2	34.5	10.3	62.1	70.9	71.4	No	Yes
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	97.4	94.6	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	79.2	81.1	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	93.8	84.4	I/S	I/S
Disability Status										
Disabled	15	100	85.7	7.1	7.1	21.4	40.8	47.3	I/S	I/S
Migrant Status										
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	77.6	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency										
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	78.8	81.4	I/S	I/S
Socio-Economic Status										
Subsidized meals	89	100	53	36.1	10.8	62.7	72.7	74.9	No	Yes

^{*} Adjusted to account for natural variation in performance.

JAMES SIMONS ELEM	MENTARY	′					11/09/11-	1001079
PASS Performance By	Group							
	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	School % Met or Exemplary	District % Met or Exemplary	State % Met or Exemplary
			Scien	ice				
All Students	58	100	48.1	50	1.9	51.9	69.2	68.6
Gender								
Male	29	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	44.8	68.4	68.3
Female	29	100	40	56	4	60	70	68.9
Racial/Ethnic Group								
White	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.4	80.7
African American	56	100	50	48.1	1.9	50	48.4	51.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	88.2	85.3
Hispanic	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	63.3	61.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87	70.8
Disability Status								
Disabled	9	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	30.6	35.7
Migrant Status								
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	42.9
English Proficiency								
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	60.4	60.7
Socio-Economic Status								
Subsidized meals	55	100	45.1	52.9	2	54.9	51.8	57.3
			Social St	tudies				
All Students	57	100	18.5	35.2	46.3	81.5	75.5	72.5
Gender								
Male	34	100	21.9	31.3	46.9	78.1	74.4	72
Female	23	100	13.6	40.9	45.5	86.4	76.6	73.1
Racial/Ethnic Group								
White	1	I/S	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91	81
African American	54	100	19.2	34.6	46.2	80.8	60.4	60
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	93.3	89
Hispanic	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69	69.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	83.3	73.5
Disability Status								
Disabled	8	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	36.9	40.5
Migrant Status								
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	53.8
English Proficiency								
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70.5	69.7
Socio-Economic Status								
Subsidized meals	53	100	20	34	46	80	61.8	62.9

JAMES SIMONS ELEMENTARY 11/09/11-1001079										
PASS Performance By Group										
	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	School % Met or Exemplary	District % Met or Exemplary	State % Met or Exemplary	School Attendance Rate	District Attendance Rate
				Writing						
All Students	24	100	18.2	72.7	9.1	81.8	75.8	73.2	95.7	96
Gender										
Male	13	100	30.8	61.5	7.7	69.2	70.7	67.2	95.5	95.9
Female	11	100	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	81.1	79.4	96	96.1
Racial/Ethnic Group										
White	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.8	81.5	97.9	96.1
African American	24	100	18.2	72.7	9.1	81.8	61.3	61.3	95.7	95.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.4	87	97.9	96.9
Hispanic	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.4	66.7	66.7	96
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	72.2	N/A	95.9
Disability Status										
Disabled	6	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	23.9	26	96.2	94.9
Migrant Status										
Migrant	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	40.5	N/A	98
English Proficiency										
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	67.9	65.7	95.2	96.3
Socio-Economic Status										

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Subsidized meals

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Office Chicago Elementary									
PASS Performance By Grade Level									
	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary		
			Englisl	h/Language A	rts				
	3	29	100	22.2	40.7	37	77.8		
	4	28	100	34.6	53.8	11.5	65.4		
2010	5	33	100	42.4	54.5	3	57.6		
2	6	22	100	N/A	N/A	3 N/A	40.9		
	7	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	8	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	3	26	100	21.7	47.8	30.4	78.3		
1	4	19	100	5.6	44.4	50	94.4		
2011	5	23	100	28.6	47.6	23.8	71.4		
7(6	28	100	53.6	35.7	10.7	46.4		
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
			M	lathematics					
	3	29	100	37	51.9	11.1	63		
0	4	28	100	57.7	38.5	3.8	42.3		
2010	5	33	100	72.7	24.2	3	27.3		
7(6	22	100	68.2	22.7	9.1	31.8		
	7	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	8	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A 4.3	N/A		
	3	26	100	56.5	39.1		43.5		
7	4	19	100	22.2	50	27.8	77.8		
2011	5	23	100	71.4	19	9.5	28.6		
2	6	28	100	57.1	35.7	7.1	42.9		
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
				Science					
	3	15	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	20		
0	4	28	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.9		
2010	5	17	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.1		
2(6	10	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		
	7	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	8	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	3	13	100	58.3	33.3	8.3	41.7		
1	4	19	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	72.2		
2011	5	12	100	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		
2	6	14	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	21.4		
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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PASS Performance By Grade Level							
	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
	3	14	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.7
0	4	28	100	42.3	53.8	3.8	57.7
2010		16	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	68.8
5 (5 6	12	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	50
	7	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	3	13	100	18.2	36.4	45.5	81.8
	4	19	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	100
2011	5 6	11	100	18.2	54.5	27.3	81.8
2(14	100	42.9	42.9	14.3	57.1
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing							
	3	29	100	40.7	48.1	11.1	59.3
0	4	27	100	42.3	50	7.7	57.7
2010	5	34	100	18.2	45.5	36.4	81.8
5 (6	22	100	36.4	50	13.6	63.6
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8 3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1		N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2011	5	24	100	18.2	72.7	9.1	81.8
2	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A